

Remarks

Claims 1-18 were pending.

Claims 1-3, 5-6, 8-10, 12, 17 and 18 are canceled.

Claims 14 and 16 are amended.

Claims 4, 7, 11 and 13-16 are now pending.

Claim 14 is amended to depend on claim 4.

Claim 16 is amended to be independent.

No new matter is added.

Claims 4, 7, 11 and 13-16 are allowable.

Information Disclosure

The Abstracts of JP173108 and JP118209 are of record. Applicants submit herewith copies of the machine translations of these two documents.

A fee letter for an IDS is attached herewith.

The Examiner is kindly requested to indicate that the references are considered by returning an initialed copy of form 1449.

Conclusion

In view of the present amendments, Applicants submit that the claim rejections are addressed and are overcome.

The Examiner is kindly requested to reconsider and to withdraw the claim rejections.

Applicants submit that the claims are now in condition for allowance and respectfully request that they be found allowable.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments: Petition for a 1 month extension of time

JP173108 (machine translation)

JP118209 (machine translation)

PTO form 1449

Fee letter